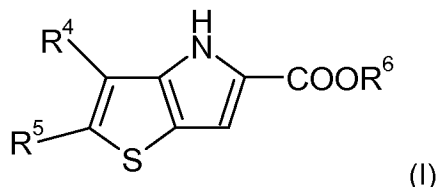


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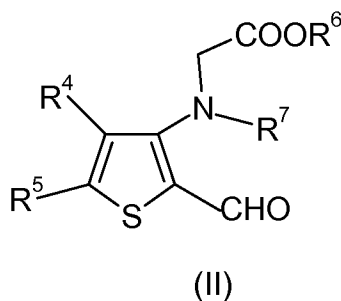
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I)

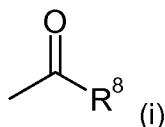


where R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, ureido, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₂₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyloxy, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂amino, C₁₋₆alkanoylamino, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)carbamoyl, N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂carbamoyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)_a wherein a is 0 to 2, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonylamino, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)sulphamoyl, N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂sulphamoyl, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonylamino and C₁₋₆alkylsulphenyl N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amine; and R⁶ is hydrogen or a protecting group, which process comprises cyclisation of a compound of formula (II)



where R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are as defined in relation to formula (I), and R⁷ is a nitrogen protecting group; and
removing the group R⁷;
and thereafter optionally removing any protecting group R⁶.

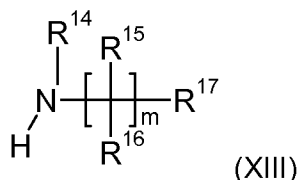
2. (previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein R⁷ is a group of sub-formula (i)



where R⁸ is a straight chain alkyl group of from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

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12. (previously presented) A process according to claim 1, for preparing a compound of formula (I) where R⁶ is hydrogen, wherein the process further comprises the step of reacting the compound of formula (I) obtained with an amine of formula (XIII)



where R¹⁴ is selected from hydrogen or C₁₋₈alkyl,

m is an integer of from 0 to 4,

each R¹⁵ is the same or different and is selected from hydrogen, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy,

amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, ureido, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl,

C₂₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyloxy, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino,

N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂amino, C₁₋₆alkanoylamino, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)carbamoyl,

N,N-(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂carbamoyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)_a wherein a is 0 to 2, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonyl,

C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonylamino, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)sulphamoyl, N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂sulphamoyl,

C₁₋₆alkylsulphonylamino, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl-N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl,

C₃₋₈cycloalkylC₁₋₆alkyl, aryl, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, heterocyclic group and (heterocyclic

group)C₁₋₆alkyl; wherein R¹⁵ may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more

groups selected from P and wherein if said heterocyclic group contains an -NH- moiety

that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by a group selected from R;

each R¹⁶ is the same or different and is selected from hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹⁷ is selected from hydrogen, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl,

trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl,

ureido, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₂₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyloxy,

N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂amino, C₁₋₆alkanoylamino, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)carbamoyl,

N,N-(C₁₋₄alkyl)₂carbamoyl, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)-N-(C₁₋₆alkoxy)carbamoyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)_a wherein

a is 0 to 2, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonylamino, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)sulphamoyl,

N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂sulphamoyl, sulphamoylamino, N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)sulphamoylamino,

N,N-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂sulphamoylamino, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonylamino,

C₁₋₆alkylsulphonylaminocarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl-*N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino and a group -E-F-G-H;

wherein E and G are independently selected from a direct bond, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)-, -NR^a-, -NR^aC(O)-, -C(O)NR^a-, -SO₂NR^a-, -NR^aSO₂-, -NR^aC(O)NR^b-, -OC(O)NR^a-, -NR^aC(O)O-, -NR^aSO₂NR^b-, -SO₂NR^aC(O)- and -C(O)NR^aSO₂-; wherein R^a and R^b are independently selected from hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl which is optionally substituted by a group V;

F is C₁₋₆alkylene optionally substituted by one or more Q or a direct bond;

H is selected from aryl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl and heterocyclic groups; wherein H may be optionally substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from S and wherein if said heterocyclic group contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by a group selected from T;

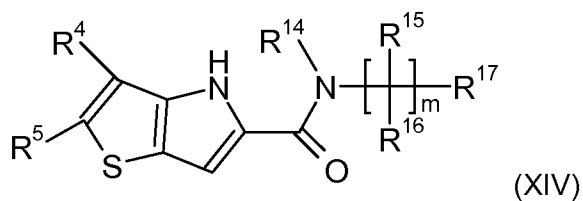
P, S and Q are independently selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, ureido, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl, C₂₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkanoyl, C₁₋₆alkanoyloxy, *N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, *N,N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂amino, C₁₋₆alkanoylamino, *N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂carbamoyl, *N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)-*N*-(C₁₋₆alkoxy)carbamoyl, C₁₋₆alkylS(O)_a wherein a is 0 to 2, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₆alkoxycarbonylamino, *N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)sulphamoyl, *N,N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)₂sulphamoyl, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonylamino, C₁₋₆alkylsulphonyl-*N*-(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, aryl and heterocyclic group; wherein P, S and Q may be optionally and independently substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from V and wherein if said heterocyclic group contains an -NH- moiety that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by a group selected from U;

V is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, acetyl, acetoxyl, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylamino, acetylamino, *N*-methylcarbamoyl, *N*-ethylcarbamoyl, *N,N*-dimethylcarbamoyl, *N,N*-diethylcarbamoyl, *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylcarbamoyl, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, mesyl, ethylsulphonyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, *N*-methylsulphamoyl, *N*-ethylsulphamoyl, *N,N*-dimethylsulphamoyl, *N,N*-diethylsulphamoyl, *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylsulphamoyl, morpholino, morpholinocarbonyl, *N*-benzylcarbamoyl, and 4-hydroxypiperidinocarbonyl;

R, T and U are independently selected from C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkanoyl, C₁₋₄alkylsulphonyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, *N*-(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-(C₁₋₄alkyl)carbamoyl, phenyl,

benzyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, benzoyl and phenylsulphonyl wherein R, T and U may be optionally and independently substituted on carbon by one or more groups selected from V;

producing a compound of formula (XIV)



where R⁴, R⁵, R¹⁵, R¹⁶, R¹⁷ and m are as defined above,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an *in vivo* hydrolysable ester thereof.

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